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LITTLE CHANGE IN NONFARM JOBS

Unemployment Rate Declines

Unemployment in Texas dropped over the month as the actual (not seasonally adjusted) jobless rate declined from 7.4 percent in July to 6.7 percent in August. The current rate was only slightly above the August 1991 rate of 6.3 percent. The largest part of the monthly decrease was due to the continued withdrawal from the labor force of unsuccessful summer jobseekers. There were an estimated 586,800 jobless Texans in August, down over 65,000 from the July total. Total employment also dropped moderately over the month, to an estimated 8,178,000 in mid-August.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate dropped from 7.2 percent in July to 6.9 percent in August. The year-ago rate was 6.6 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate fell from 7.7 percent in July to 7.6 percent in August. In August '91 the rate was 6.8 percent. The U. S. actual rate dropped from 7.6 percent to 7.3 percent over the month. A year ago the rate was 6.5 percent.

Nonfarm Jobs Ease Downward

There was little change between July and August in the number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 7,240,400 in August, down by 400 from July and up by 86,800 from one year ago.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** fell by 2,700 from July. At 6,248,000, this was an increase of 85,000 from August '91. **Services** reported the largest Nonmanufacturing decrease, down by 4,300 jobs over the month. Other Services and Miscellaneous fell by that same amount as summer activities came to a close and social services such as YMCA's, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts lost seasonal positions. Amusement, Including Motion Pictures decreased by 1,000 as summer activities waned. Engineering and Management Services lost 600 jobs, while Educational Services was down by 400, and Hotels and Other Lodging Places decreased by 100 over the month. The largest Services

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug.'92	July '92	Aug.'91
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	128,472.0	129,599.0	126,096.0
Unemployment	9,390.0	9,845.0	8,237.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.6%	6.5%
Total Employment	119,082.0	119,754.0	117,859.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	127,437.0	127,532.0	125,004.0
Unemployment	9,700.0	9,760.0	8,520.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	7.7%	6.8%
Total Employment	117,737.0	117,772.0	116,484.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,764.8	8,868.2	8,545.2
Unemployment	586.8	652.3	540.7
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.4%	6.3%
Total Employment	8,178.0	8,215.9	8,004.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,734.0	8,727.0	8,500.0
Unemployment	606.0	624.0	559.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	7.2%	6.6%
Total Employment	8,128.0	8,103.0	7,941.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ♦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Aug.'92*	July'92**	Aug.'91**	Aug.'92*	July'92**	Aug.'91**	Aug.'92*	July'92**	Aug.'91**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,600	52,000	49,100	99,200	100,500	96,700	455,700	458,300	443,400
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,400	2,700	4,600	5,200	4,600	20,400	22,600	21,200
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.5%	5.5%	4.6%	5.2%	4.8%	4.5%	4.9%	4.8%
Total Employment ++	48,500	48,600	46,400	94,600	95,300	92,100	435,300	435,700	422,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	181,100	183,700	172,500	97,400	98,800	93,400	114,900	115,700	110,400
Total Unemployment	14,400	16,100	13,200	6,700	7,300	5,100	12,200	14,300	13,000
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	8.8%	7.7%	6.9%	7.4%	5.5%	10.6%	12.4%	11.8%
Total Employment ++	166,700	167,600	159,300	90,700	91,500	88,300	102,700	101,400	97,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,800	64,100	60,500	171,800	173,600	167,500	1,457.2	1,472.7	1,439.1
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,500	2,000	15,000	16,500	12,900	90.7	100.2	84.3
Percent Unemployed	3.6%	3.9%	3.3%	8.7%	9.5%	7.7%	6.2%	6.8%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	61,500	61,600	58,500	156,800	157,100	154,600	1,366.5	1,372.5	1,354.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	258,200	260,700	249,700	748,100	758,500	740,600	117,600	119,500	113,900
Total Unemployment	24,400	27,800	25,500	45,600	50,700	48,000	9,600	10,500	7,600
Percent Unemployed	9.5%	10.7%	10.2%	6.1%	6.7%	6.5%	8.2%	8.8%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	233,800	232,900	224,200	702,500	707,800	692,600	108,000	109,000	106,300
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,803.1	1,826.4	1,763.0	101,400	102,700	97,500	57,500	58,600	53,800
Total Unemployment	118.8	129.3	98.4	6,700	7,600	6,300	4,700	5,400	4,200
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	7.1%	5.6%	6.6%	7.4%	6.5%	8.2%	9.2%	7.8%
Total Employment ++	1,684.3	1,697.1	1,664.6	94,700	95,100	91,200	52,800	53,200	49,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,800	83,800	80,100	116,600	118,600	114,300	160,900	163,200	154,100
Total Unemployment	7,100	7,400	6,100	6,900	8,000	6,600	24,800	27,400	23,300
Percent Unemployed	8.6%	8.8%	7.6%	5.9%	6.7%	5.8%	15.4%	16.8%	15.1%
Total Employment ++	75,700	76,400	74,000	109,700	110,600	107,700	136,100	135,800	130,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,200	51,000	49,600	54,500	55,200	53,500	45,900	46,600	43,800
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,800	2,800	5,200	5,700	3,600	2,400	2,600	2,300
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.5%	5.6%	9.5%	10.3%	6.7%	5.2%	5.6%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	46,700	47,200	46,800	49,300	49,500	49,900	43,500	44,000	41,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	616,400	625,600	603,400	46,500	47,500	46,400	58,600	59,400	57,000
Total Unemployment	36,700	42,100	38,100	3,000	3,700	2,900	4,500	5,000	4,400
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.7%	6.3%	6.5%	7.8%	6.3%	7.7%	8.4%	7.7%
Total Employment ++	579,700	583,500	565,300	43,500	43,800	43,500	54,100	54,400	52,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,700	77,200	74,300	39,200	39,300	37,600	93,200	94,500	91,100
Total Unemployment	5,000	5,200	4,600	2,200	2,400	1,800	6,000	6,800	5,900
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.7%	6.2%	5.6%	6.1%	4.8%	6.4%	7.2%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	71,700	72,000	69,700	37,000	36,900	35,800	87,200	87,700	85,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,000	56,000	54,500				8,764.8	8,868.2	8,545.2
Total Unemployment	3,600	4,300	3,600				586.8	652.3	540.7
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.7%	6.6%				6.7%	7.4%	6.3%
Total Employment ++	51,400	51,700	50,900				8,178.0	8,215.9	8,004.5

♦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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increase was in Health Services, up by 900 from July. Business and Repair Services increased by 700, while Personal Services went up by 500 over the month.

The laying off of summer employees by city and county governments, combined with the small decline of state government education, contributed to the overall 1,900 decline in total **Government**. Local Government decreased by 1,300. Federal Government lost 500; while State Government declined by 100 from July.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate dropped by 300 over the month. A gain of 400 in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate was more than offset by losses of 500 in Depository Institutions, Including Banks, and of 200 in Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers.

Transportation and Public Utilities increased by 1,700 from one month ago. The largest Transportation increase was in Other Transportation, up by 2,000. The major contributing factors were the ticket price wars and seasonal summertime air travel that caused Transportation by Air to increase by 1,000. Communications increased by 200 over the month. The main loss in Transportation occurred in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services, down by 500 from July.

Wholesale and Retail Trade rose by 1,600. Retail Trade increased by 3,300 over the month. Gains of 1,300 each were found in both Eating and Drinking Places and in Other Retail Trade, while General Merchandise Stores went up by 1,100. Increases of 100 each occurred in Food Stores and in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations. Retail losses of 300 each were seen in Building Materials and Garden Supplies and Apparel and Accessory Stores. Wholesale Trade lost 1,700 jobs from July.

Mining gained 100 jobs, which was found in Oil and Gas Extraction.

Manufacturing increased by 2,300 from July. **Nondurable Goods** showed a gain of 2,100 jobs. Food and Kindred Products registered an over-the-month increase in employment amounting to 1,300 jobs. The most significant growth occurred in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables where additional employees were hired with the arrival of the season for canning peppers and other produce. Chemicals and Allied Products gained 500 jobs while Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products increased by 300. Increases of 100 each were found in Textile Mill Products, Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products, and Leather and Leather Products. The only loss in

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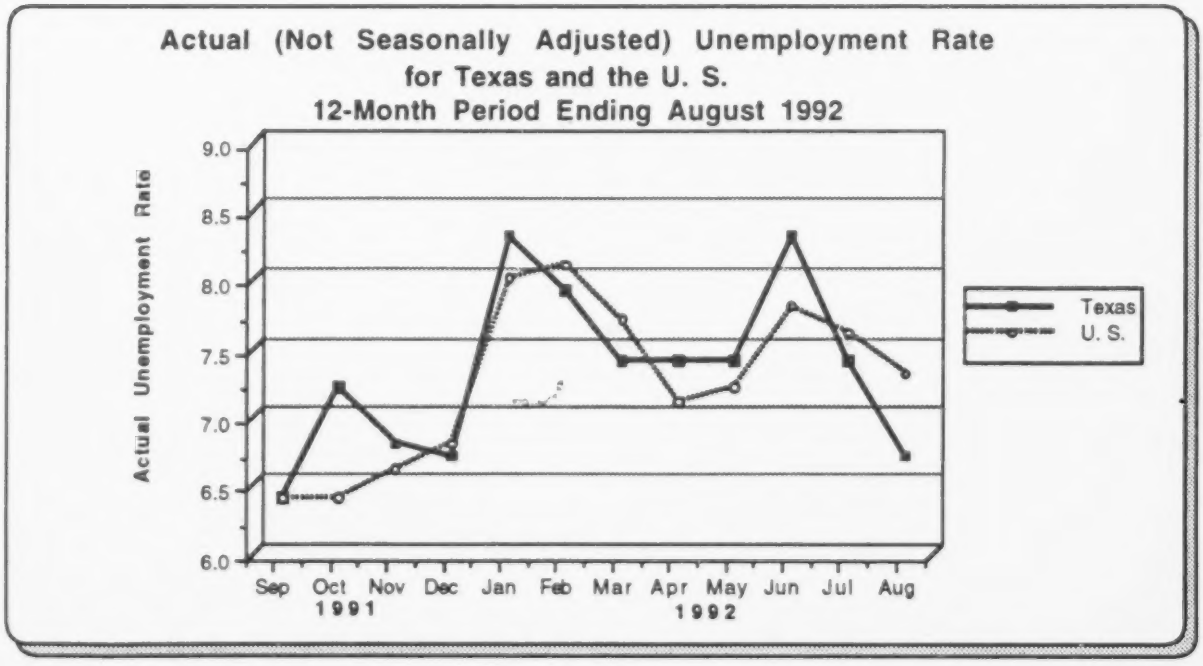

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚

	Aug. '92*	July '92**	Aug. '91**	Chg. from July '92	Chg. from Aug. '91
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,240,400**	**7,240,800**	**7,153,600**	**-400**	**86,800**
MANUFACTURING	**992,400**	**990,100**	**990,600**	**2,300**	**1,800**
Durable Goods	**555,400**	**555,200**	**563,100**	**200**	**-7,700**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,000	30,800	30,600	200	400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,700	6,600	6,900	100	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,200	16,000	200	400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	34,900	34,900	34,500	0	400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,700	14,800	14,900	-100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	30,900	30,800	31,100	100	-200
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,200	80,800	82,700	400	-1,500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,600	39,200	39,600	400	0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	115,300	115,100	118,100	200	-2,800
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	24,800	24,900	28,600	-100	-3,800
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	101,900	102,000	104,300	-100	-2,400
Transportation Equipment	85,400	86,200	88,000	-800	-2,600
Aircraft & Parts	57,700	58,200	60,200	-500	-2,500
Instruments & Related Prod.	40,900	40,900	40,800	0	100
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	17,500	17,500	17,000	0	500
Nondurable Goods	**437,000**	**434,900**	**427,500**	**2,100**	**9,500**
Food & Kindred Products	98,800	97,500	97,600	1,300	1,200
Meat Products	31,500	31,300	30,000	200	1,500
Dairy Products	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Bakery Products	10,300	10,200	10,200	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,000	4,000	100	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	60,300	60,000	57,800	300	2,500
Paper & Allied Products	26,300	26,300	25,400	0	900
Printing & Publishing	76,700	77,000	75,500	-300	1,200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	36,900	37,300	35,500	-400	1,400
Chemicals & Allied Products	88,600	88,100	87,300	500	1,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,600	30,600	30,500	0	100
Petroleum Refining	27,700	27,700	27,600	0	100
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	43,500	43,400	41,700	100	1,800
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	7,900	7,600	100	400
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,248,000**	**6,250,700**	**6,163,000**	**-2,700**	**85,000**
Mining	**173,800**	**173,700**	**186,000**	**100**	**-12,200**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	9,600	0	-100
Oil & Gas Extraction	164,300	164,200	176,400	100	-12,100
Construction	**358,700**	**358,300**	**353,300**	**400**	**5,400**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**441,500**	**439,800**	**439,300**	**1,700**	**2,200**
Railroad Transportation	16,900	16,900	17,300	0	-400
Other Transportation	258,500	256,500	251,300	2,000	7,200
Transportation by Air	84,800	83,800	80,300	1,000	4,500
Communications	88,900	88,700	90,000	200	-1,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,200	77,700	80,700	-500	-3,500
Electric Services	37,900	38,300	40,600	-400	-2,700
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	27,000	28,300	-200	-1,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,754,000**	**1,752,400**	**1,745,600**	**1,600**	**8,400**
Wholesale Trade	433,500	435,200	437,000	-1,700	-3,500
Retail Trade	1,320,500	1,317,200	1,308,600	3,300	11,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	40,900	41,200	41,500	-300	-600
General Merchandise Stores	171,200	170,100	175,800	1,100	-4,600
Food Stores	244,000	243,900	242,400	100	1,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,100	136,000	135,000	100	1,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	75,300	75,600	79,300	-300	-4,000
Eating & Drinking Places	468,500	467,200	449,200	1,300	19,300
Other Retail Trade	184,500	183,200	185,400	1,300	-900
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**432,200**	**432,500**	**429,600**	**-300**	**2,600**
Depository Insts., Incl. Banks	118,900	119,400	121,200	-500	-2,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,800	145,000	143,000	-200	1,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	168,500	168,100	165,400	400	3,100
Services	**1,835,000**	**1,839,300**	**1,790,500**	**-4,300**	**44,500**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,500	82,600	84,400	-100	-1,900
Personal Services	81,800	81,300	79,200	500	2,600
Business & Repair Services	456,500	455,800	457,000	700	-500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	92,000	93,000	93,700	-1,000	-1,700
Health Services	548,000	547,100	511,600	900	36,400
Educational Services	82,700	83,100	82,300	-400	400
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	157,600	158,200	155,000	-600	2,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	333,900	338,200	327,300	-4,300	6,600
Total Government	**1,252,800**	**1,254,700**	**1,218,700**	**-1,900**	**34,100**
Federal Government	199,700	200,200	199,400	-500	300
State Government	280,000	280,100	267,900	-100	12,100
Local Government	773,100	774,400	751,400	-1,300	21,700

✚ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚ TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'92*	July '92**	Aug.'91**	Aug.'92*	July '92**	Aug.'91**	Aug.'92*	July '92**	Aug.'91**	Aug.'92*	July '92**	Aug.'91**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	48,800	48,600	47,300	80,300	80,600	79,300	389,600	388,300	382,600	153,900	153,700	149,900
Manufacturing	4,400	4,300	4,200	8,800	8,800	8,600	52,100	51,800	51,600	25,900	25,900	25,900
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	700	700	800	700	800	700	1,900	2,000	2,000
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,500	2,900	3,000	3,200	14,000	13,700	12,900	17,600	17,400	16,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	2,600	5,800	5,800	5,400	13,100	13,200	12,700	10,000	10,000	9,800
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,700	23,200	23,400	23,200	79,500	79,300	78,900	33,900	33,800	33,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	2,000	2,000	4,200	4,300	4,200	23,300	23,300	23,200	5,100	5,100	5,100
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,600	14,300	19,800	19,600	19,500	103,400	103,200	101,200	38,700	38,600	36,900
Government	9,000	8,700	8,600	14,900	15,000	14,400	103,500	103,000	101,400	20,800	20,900	20,400
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	72,900	73,000	71,900	81,400	80,700	79,200	55,100	55,200	53,000	136,900	137,100	136,100
Manufacturing	17,600	17,500	17,500	12,100	12,000	11,800	4,100	4,200	3,800	13,100	13,100	12,700
Mining	2,100	2,000	2,200	—	—	—	600	600	600	3,600	3,600	3,900
Construction	12,100	12,600	12,200	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,000	1,900	1,900	11,300	11,300	11,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	3,800	4,000	3,600	1,500	1,500	1,400	6,900	7,000	6,900
Trade	13,200	13,000	12,800	22,200	22,200	21,500	12,500	11,900	11,600	32,400	32,500	32,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,800	3,900	3,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	6,000	5,900	6,200
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,200	10,900	20,200	19,500	19,200	11,000	11,100	10,700	33,800	33,900	32,700
Government	12,000	12,100	11,600	17,000	16,800	17,000	21,600	22,200	21,300	29,800	29,800	29,400
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,372.9	1,372.4	1,373.7	214,700	212,700	208,700	590,500	593,100	587,700	79,600	78,900	79,200
Manufacturing	209.5	209.6	214.0	43,900	42,500	41,100	102,200	102,700	106,400	8,700	8,700	8,800
Mining	18.2	18.3	18.5	—	—	—	4,400	4,300	4,500	700	700	700
Construction	45.2	44.9	46.3	8,100	8,200	7,500	20,700	21,200	21,900	4,400	4,400	4,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	86.4	86.4	84.8	11,100	11,000	10,700	61,700	61,200	58,300	5,400	5,600	5,800
Trade	357.1	357.6	355.0	53,000	53,000	52,800	148,100	148,800	150,600	17,000	17,000	16,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	124.3	124.7	127.7	8,000	8,100	8,000	27,500	27,600	28,600	5,600	5,500	5,500
Services & Misc.	372.8	371.9	370.0	46,200	46,000	45,300	149,400	150,500	144,300	15,100	15,200	15,300
Government	159.4	159.0	157.4	44,400	43,900	43,300	76,500	76,800	73,100	22,700	22,800	21,600
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,633.7	1,638.8	1,641.9	78,700	78,500	75,100	49,500	49,400	47,400	70,700	70,900	70,100
Manufacturing	179.6	180.1	184.5	8,300	8,500	8,300	1,700	1,700	1,900	16,200	16,300	16,200
Mining	67.0	67.5	72.0	—	—	—	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,300	3,300	3,600
Construction	116.4	116.3	116.0	2,800	2,600	2,500	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,900	3,900	3,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	110.3	110.2	116.5	2,700	2,700	2,600	7,500	7,500	7,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	383.3	384.4	383.9	17,000	16,800	16,900	15,400	15,300	14,600	17,400	17,400	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.2	99.1	101.1	3,400	3,300	3,300	2,100	2,100	1,900	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	467.8	469.8	465.7	19,400	19,400	18,800	8,400	8,500	8,100	14,900	14,900	14,500
Government	210.1	211.4	202.2	23,100	23,200	22,700	10,900	10,800	10,400	8,900	9,000	8,500
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	97,300	98,000	96,600	105,400	104,400	101,600	45,800	45,700	46,700	44,500	44,300	45,500
Manufacturing	6,900	7,000	7,000	13,300	13,600	12,800	2,200	2,300	2,400	4,500	4,300	4,500
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,400	9,400	9,600	5,000	5,000	5,400
Construction	3,700	3,800	3,800	4,400	4,300	4,300	1,400	1,400	1,500	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,000	5,200	5,100	3,200	3,200	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,500	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	27,000	27,000	27,300	32,900	32,200	31,700	11,200	11,000	11,000	12,300	12,400	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	5,000	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,100	2,100	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400
Services & Misc.	26,100	26,300	25,500	19,200	19,100	18,400	10,100	10,100	10,400	8,700	8,700	8,800
Government	23,600	23,700	22,700	27,900	27,500	26,900	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,600	7,500	7,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	38,100	38,200	37,400	530,700	531,400	522,100	36,400	36,200	36,900	47,000	47,000	46,200
Manufacturing	5,300	5,000	5,000	46,700	46,500	46,400	9,900	9,800	10,600	6,300	6,200	6,400
Mining	600	500	600	1,800	1,800	1,900	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,100	22,500	22,500	22,500	1,400	1,400	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800	23,900	23,900	23,100	1,800	1,800	1,700	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trade	9,400	9,400	9,300	131,700	131,300	132,100	7,700	7,600	7,700	11,200	11,200	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500	38,500	38,600	38,600	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,500	9,900	151,700	152,400	144,700	9,400	9,400	9,100	12,300	12,400	11,600
Government	7,300	7,300	7,200	113,900	114,400	112,800	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,600	11,600	11,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	64,100	63,900	63,600	30,300	30,100	30,000	81,300	81,600	80,600	49,700	49,500	49,600
Manufacturing	11,300	11,400	10,900	2,800	2,800	2,900	14,700	14,900	15,100	8,000	7,800	7,900
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,400	1,700	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,000	3,300	3,300	3,200	1,500	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,500	16,400	15,800	8,700	8,500	8,400	19,300	19,300	19,200	11,800	11,800	11,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,600	1,600	1,700	5,200	5,300	5,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Services & Misc.	16,500	16,500	17,000	7,300	7,400	7,100	22,700	22,700	21,900	12,800	12,800	12,700
Government	9,500	9,500	9,700	4,800	4,800	4,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	9,300	9,400	9,600

✚ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✤

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.'92*	July'92	Aug.'91	Aug.'92*	July'92	Aug.'91	Aug.'92*	July'92	Aug.'91
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 471.23	$ 469.63	$ 458.11	42.8	42.5	42.3	$ 11.01	$11.05	$10.83
Durable Goods	457.53	456.03	450.93	42.8	42.5	42.5	10.69	10.73	10.61
Lumber & Wood Products	330.38	319.35	323.85	43.3	41.8	42.5	7.63	7.64	7.62
Furniture & Fixtures	336.26	326.70	340.26	43.5	42.1	43.4	7.73	7.76	7.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	436.80	443.56	417.60	44.3	44.4	43.5	9.86	9.99	9.60
Primary Metal Industries	519.17	531.85	504.74	43.3	44.1	43.7	11.99	12.06	11.55
Fabricated Metal Products	439.19	435.16	426.82	43.1	43.0	43.2	10.19	10.12	9.88
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	449.10	446.47	449.28	43.1	42.4	43.2	10.42	10.53	10.40
Oil Field Machinery	549.17	556.48	556.71	46.5	47.0	48.2	11.81	11.84	11.55
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	465.47	457.71	458.05	42.2	41.8	39.9	11.03	10.95	11.48
Transportation Equipment	611.32	620.93	610.30	41.7	42.5	42.5	14.66	14.61	14.36
Instruments & Related Prod.	438.05	432.55	421.04	41.6	41.0	41.4	10.53	10.55	10.17
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	327.44	310.06	326.61	41.5	39.7	41.5	7.89	7.81	7.87
Nondurable Goods	487.49	486.92	465.78	42.8	42.6	42.0	11.39	11.43	11.09
Food & Kindred Products	394.85	392.21	385.75	43.2	43.1	43.1	9.14	9.10	8.95
Meat Products	297.37	297.50	300.24	42.3	42.5	43.2	7.03	7.00	6.95
Malt Beverages	989.24	959.74	997.48	47.4	47.0	49.7	20.87	20.42	20.07
Textile Mill Products	381.40	387.41	370.63	44.4	45.1	44.6	8.59	8.59	8.31
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	254.72	247.93	230.14	39.8	38.8	37.0	6.40	6.39	6.22
Paper & Allied Products	530.08	533.42	526.11	44.1	44.6	44.1	12.02	11.96	11.93
Printing & Publishing	461.70	456.92	440.88	40.5	40.4	40.3	11.40	11.31	10.94
Chemicals & Allied Products	767.79	779.06	732.60	44.9	45.4	44.0	17.10	17.16	16.65
Petroleum & Coal Products	845.92	849.60	774.40	44.9	45.0	43.9	18.84	18.88	17.64
Petroleum Refining	876.00	880.20	799.27	44.9	45.0	43.7	19.51	19.56	18.29
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	421.52	413.13	409.70	44.0	42.9	43.4	9.58	9.63	9.44
Leather & Leather Products	276.98	276.98	271.60	40.2	40.2	40.0	6.89	6.89	6.79
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	680.15	652.97	654.90	44.6	43.1	44.4	15.25	15.15	14.75
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	703.47	673.35	613.83	50.5	48.9	47.4	13.93	13.77	12.95
Oil & Gas Extraction	678.91	651.60	657.25	44.2	42.7	44.2	15.36	15.26	14.87
Communications	573.40	572.23	551.86	42.1	42.2	40.4	13.62	13.56	13.66
Elec., Gas & San. Services	581.44	573.66	559.02	41.8	41.3	42.0	13.91	13.89	13.31
Wholesale & Retail Trade	265.44	263.19	254.32	33.6	33.4	32.9	7.90	7.88	7.73
Wholesale Trade	457.73	452.00	437.80	40.4	40.0	39.8	11.33	11.30	11.00
Retail Trade	208.88	207.59	197.40	31.6	31.5	30.7	6.61	6.59	6.43
General Merchandise Stores	202.43	203.39	198.59	31.0	31.1	30.6	6.53	6.54	6.49
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	351.95	323.18	316.54	39.5	36.6	36.3	8.91	8.83	8.72

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 459.61	$ 452.84	$ 443.08	43.4	42.6	41.8	$ 10.59	$ 10.63	$ 10.60
Durable Goods	471.68	463.32	458.28	44.0	42.9	41.7	10.72	10.80	10.99
Nondurable Goods	439.69	436.77	419.74	42.4	42.2	42.1	10.37	10.35	9.97
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	497.95	498.37	493.74	41.6	41.6	42.2	11.97	11.98	11.70
Durable Goods	513.35	520.42	516.15	41.2	41.6	42.1	12.46	12.51	12.26
Nondurable Goods	466.31	454.43	446.90	42.2	41.5	42.2	11.05	10.95	10.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	581.64	584.32	549.41	44.4	44.2	44.2	13.10	13.22	12.43
Durable Goods	493.06	490.62	476.41	44.5	44.4	44.4	11.08	11.05	10.73
Nondurable Goods	690.85	699.77	651.92	44.2	43.9	43.9	15.63	15.94	14.85
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	337.01	335.36	333.30	41.3	41.3	40.4	8.16	8.12	8.25
Durable Goods	344.44	339.08	344.44	41.7	41.2	41.3	8.26	8.23	8.34
Nondurable Goods	330.46	331.61	323.14	41.0	41.4	39.6	8.06	8.01	8.16

✤Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Nondurables occurred in Printing and Publishing, down by 300 over the month.

Durable Goods registered an increase of 200 jobs. Fabricated Metal Industries rose by 400. Increases of 200 each occurred in Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures, and Industrial Machinery and Equipment. Primary Metal Industries rose by 100. The largest loss in Durables was found in Transportation Equipment, down by 800 over the month, with 500 of this decline in Aircraft and Parts. Citing a sagging economy and slumping military and commercial markets, a number of manufacturers in the aircraft and parts industry laid off empoyees. Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment lost 100 jobs over the month.

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Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 654,700 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by four cents over the month and Average Weekly Hours increased by three-tenths of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to increase by $1.60 from July '92. This was $13.12 above the August '91 level.

In mid-August a worker, on average, was earning $11.01 per hour for a 42.8-hour work week and making $471.23 in average weekly earnings.

Durable Goods showed a gain of $1.50 in Average Weekly Earnings over the month. The largest increase in Durables was in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries which was up by $17.38 from July '92. Lumber and Wood Products increased by $11.03; Furniture and Fixtures rose by $9.56; and Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment was up by $7.76. Smaller increases were found in Instruments and Related Products, Fabricated Metal Products, and Industrial Machinery, except Electric. The largest decrease in Durables was seen in Primary Metal Industries, down by $12.68 from one month ago. Transportation Equipment decreased by $9.61 while Stone, Clay and Glass Products fell by $6.76 in Average Weekly Earnings.

Nondurable Goods declined by fifty-seven cents in Average Weekly Earnings over the month. The largest Nondurable increase occurred in Malt Beverages (within Food and Kindred Products) which was up by $29.50. The largest Nondurable decrease was in Textile Mill Products which fell by $6.01 in Average Weekly Earnings from July.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug.'92	Aug.'91
Total Population	17,741,600*	17,379,200*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.1	1.8
UI Covered Employers	331,637	323,630
Total Claims Actions	688,329	652,853
Total Initial Claims Actions	70,616	70,518
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	617,713	582,335
Total Placements	31,338	32,855
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$170.36	$165.94
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	85,771,656	79,330,175

*Revised.
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